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SUBJECT: SUGAR QUOTA DECISION LINKED TO BROAD

UNITED STATES POLICY CONCERNS

1. BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF A NEARLY FULL PAGE EDITORIAL
IN THE INFLUENTIAL SUNDAY GLEANER LINKING THE USG DECISION TO
REDUCE THE CARRIBBEAN SUGAR QUOTA TO BROADER U.S. POLICY
CONCERNS IN THE REGION INCLUDING CUBA AND CARRIBBEAN
RELATIONSHIPS TO THE EEC. SUMMARY AND MISSION COMMENT ON
THE EDITORIAL CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A.

2. BEGIN TEXT QUOTE

A LEADING PUBLIC AND DIPLOMATIC FIGURE IN THE ISLAND, SO THE
STORY IS NOW GOING THE ROUNDS IN GOVERNMENTAL AND SUGAR INDUSTRY
CIRCLES, WAS SPEAKING IN WASHINGTON AT SOME TIME DURING THE FIRST
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QUARTER OF THE YEAR TO THE HEAD OF A SECTION IN THE U.S. STATE

DEPARTMENT. NATURALLY AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME OF THIS YEAR, THE TOPIC OF CONVERSATION WAS DETENTE, AND JUST AS NATURALLY, THE TALK EVENTUALLY GOT AROUND TO WHAT THE U.S. WAS GOING TO DO IN THE VERY VEXING CASE OF CUBA, CONSIDERING THAT DETENTE WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS WITH THE TWO COMMUNIST GOLIATHS OF SOVIET RUSSIA AND RED CHINA. WHAT FOLLOWED AT THE MENTION OF CUBA SUGGESTS THAT THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SPOKE SPONTANEOUSLY, WITHOUT REFLECTING. HIS COMMENT, AS REPORTED BY CIRCLES CLOSE TO OUR LEADING PUBLIC AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONALITY, WERE: "DETENTE WITH CUBA ISN'T ANY LONGER A QUESTION OF IF; IT IS WHEN." HE CLAMPED UP ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER HAVING SAID THIS AND NOTHING COULD PERSUADE OR ENTICE HIM TO RETURN TO THIS PARTICULAR TERRITORY OF TALK.

A WHOLE ARRAY OF SPECULATION IS NOW PARADING AROUND IN KINGSTON AND THROUGHOUT THE SUGAR INDUSTRY ON WHY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS SEEN FIT TO PROPOSE TO SLASH THE WEST INDIAN SUGAR SUPPLY QUOTA FOR 1974 FROM THE 220,000 SHORT TONS THAT RULED IN PREVIOUS YEARS, TO JUST AROUND 24,000 SHORT TONS. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S ADVICE ON THE MATTER SAYS SIMPLY THAT THE U.S. SUGAR ACT RULES THAT THIS MUST BE

SO, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE REGION DEFAULTED ON ITS COMMITMENT LAST YEAR BY OVER 41,000 TONS, AND THIS YEAR REPEATED BY A MASSIVE 156,000 TONS. FEW PEOPLE, HOWEVER, GIVE FULL CREDENCE TO WHAT THIS INSTITUTION HAS HAD TO SAY. THEY POINT OUT THAT LAST YEAR WHEN THERE WAS A DEFAULT, NO PENALTY WAS IMPOSED AND THAT THIS YEAR THERE HAS BEEN

A GIANT SLAMDOWN. TO THE U.S.D.A. EXPLANATION THAT FAILURE LAST YEAR TO IMPOSE PENALTY WAS BECAUSE OF OVERSIGHT, THE ATTITUDE HAS BEEN THAT

WHILE THIS IS HIGHLY POSSIBLE, IT SEEMS TO BE HARDLY PROBABLE. ONE OF THE SPECULATIONS CONSEQUENTLY ARISING OUT OF THIS PLAIN DISBELIEF IS THAT THE PENTAGON IN WASHINGTON HAS DISLIKED INTENSELY THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE FOUR INDEPENDENT COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES SINCE THIS YEAR IN RECOGNIZING CUBA; AND, EVEN MORE OBJECTIONABLY, ESPOUSING CUBA'S CAUSE, NOT WITHOUT SOME SUCCESS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS).

LINE OF THOUGHT

AN EXTENSION OF THIS LINE OF THOUGHT SAYS THAT THE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF FIDEL CASTRO'S REPUBLIC WAS BAD ENOUGH, BUT THAT JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY AND GUYANESE PRIME MINISTER FORBES BURNHAM HURT THIS SORE BY RIDING IN CASTRO'S PLANE, FOR ALL THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD TO SEE AND GOSSIP ABOUT, TO THE RECENT SUMMIT MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, IN ALGIERS. A SECOND SPECULATION GOES THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NONE TOO PLEASED THAT THE FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO JAMAICA, MR. VINCENT DEROULET, WAS DECLARED 'PERSONA NON GRATA' BY THE PRIME MINISTER HERE IN JULY, AND HIS INSTANT RECALL REQUESTED. EVEN ALTHOUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT ITSELF DISOWNED DEROULET IN THE MATTER OF HIS SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE

FOREIGN RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE, NEVERTHELESS IT COULD HARDLY FEEL PLEASED THAT ITS ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN AWARDED THE WORST DISGRACE THAT COULD BE EXTENDED TO A DIPLOMAT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. STILL ANOTHER SPECULATION BRINGS INTO FOCUS THE STEADFAST DETERMINATION

WITH WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN AS A WHOLE HAS PURSUED THE PROJECT OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, NOTWITHSTANDING THAT IT IS A REGIONAL GROUPING IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD AND COULD WELL HAVE DECIDED TO SEEK ITS FUTURE FORTUNES ENTIRELY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE INSTEAD OF ADHERING TO A EUROPEAN CONNECTION WHICH,

IN THE MEANWHILE, IS LOOMING AS A FORMIDABLE TRANS-ATLANTIC MENACE TO U.S. TRADE SUPREMACY.

SOME PEOPLE MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT AS GREAT AND POWERFUL A COUNTRY AS THE UNITED STATES WOULD SERIOUSLY BE DISTURBED BY THE TRADING ACTIVITIES OF AS SMALL A GROUP OF COUNTRIES AS THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT THIS GROUP IN ITS ACTIVITIES HAS ALWAYS BEEN ORIENTED MORE TOWARDS EUROPE THAN TO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS DIFFICULTY IS EASILY RESOLVED, HOWEVER, FOR THOSE WHO REFLECT ON THE POSITION WHICH THE UNITED STATES TOOK UP ON REVERSE PREFERENCES BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE PROSPECTIVE ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN. HEWITT

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IT HAS BEEN A CONDITION OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE
EEC THAT HIS BLOC ACCORDS PREFERENCES TO ASSOCIATED TERRITORIES
RECIPROCATATE. FROM AS LONG AGO AS 1971, THE U.S. OBJECTED TO THIS AND
SAID IT WOULD NOT GRANT ANY ADVANTAGE OF ITS GENERALIZED SCHEME OF
PREFERENCES TO ANY DEVELOPING COUNTRY WHICH DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ITS
OWN GOODS BY A PREFERENCE SYSTEM TO OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

ADAMANT

BRITAIN'S CHIEF NEGOTIATOR FOR ENTRY INTO THE EEC AT THAT TIME,
MR. GEOFFREY RIPPON, PLEADED URGENTLY WITH WASHINGTON TO ALLOW
THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN IN PARTICULAR TO ENTER INTO THE REVERSE
PREFERENCE SCHEME WITH THE EEC AND AT THE SAME TIME ENJOY THE U.S.
GSP, WASHINGTON, HOWEVER, WAS ADAMANT. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT IT IS

THE EEC WHO WILL BE STANDING DOWN FROM ITS REVERSE PREFERENCE POSITION

SO THAT FUTURE TRADING DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN THE USA AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES LIKE THE CARIBBEAN MAY NOT BE IN ANY WAY PREJUDICED.

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THE TRUTH OF THE U.S. POSITION IS THAT THE AMOUNT OF TRADE THAT MIGHT
BE LOST TO THAT COUNTRY BY APPLICATION OF REVERSE PREFERENCES WOULD BE

INFINITESIMAL- OF NO CONSEQUENCE AT ALL. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE MATTER
IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT. IF THE U.S. ALLOWED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
ITS OWN GOODS IN ONE SET OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THAT COULD OPEN THE
DOORS TO OTHERS. IN THE FIERCE TRADE RIVALRIES THAT ARE DEVELOPING
AMONG THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES FOR EXCHANGE WITH THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, THAT WOULD NOT BE A POSITION OF ADVANTAGE FOR THE U.S.
TO KNIT ALL OF THE SPECULATION INTO A SINGLE EXPRESSION, THIS IS THAT
SOME PEOPLE FEEL THAT THE INVOCATION OF THE U.S. SUGAR ACT TO REDUCE
THE WEST INDIAN QUOTA COULD WELL BE THE STRICTLY LEGAL END OF A
DIPLOMATIC SQUEEZE-PLAY INTENDED TO BRING THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN
NEARER TO U.S.- APPROVED FOREIGN POLICY LINES. INDEED, AN EDITORIAL
IN THE 'GLENER' POINTED TO THIS VERY POSSIBILITY IN DISCUSSING THE
REGIONAL FOREIGN POLICY. IT ENDED THAT THE GROUPING WAS NEW TO
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND HAD YET TO LEARN THAT THIS BRAND OF POLITICS

COULD BE VICIOUS, AT TIMES.

READERS OF THIS ARTICLE WILL WANT TO KNOW, QUITE LEGITIMATELY AT THIS

STAGE, WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE
JAMAICAN PUBLIC FIGURE-DIPLOMAT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
SET OUT EARLIER, AND THE FOUR AREAS OF SPECULATION JUST OUTLINED.

TO THIS, THE ANSWER IS THAT THE CONVERSATION HAS IN KNOWLEDGEABLE
QUARTERS OPENED AREA OF SPECULATION TO WHICH NO ATTENTION HAS BEEN
GIVEN SO FAR, BUT WHICH COULD WELL BE NEARER THE TRUTH OF THE REDUCED
QUOTA PROPOSAL THAN ANY OF THOSE IN POPULAR CIRCULATION.

IMPORTANT EVENT

THIS IS THAT, BRIEFLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING TOWARDS DETENTE

WITH CUBA AS MORE THAN A POSSIBILITY OF THE NEAR FUTURE; AND THAT
REDUCTION OF THE WEST INDIAN SUGAR QUOTA IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE
FORWARD PREPARATION FOR AN EVENT FAR MORE IMPORTANT TO U.S. POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY THAN MERELY KEEPING THE RELATIVELY UN-IMPORTANT
COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES TO AN ANTI-COMMUNIST LINE WHICH THE

U.S. HERSELF HAS ALREADY ABANDONED AS NOT REALISTIC IN THE SETTING OF
THE PRESENT TIMES. TO PUT THIS ANOTHER WAY, ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF
DETENTE WITH CUBA WHICH THAT COUNTRY WOULD MOST WELCOME IS THE ALLOCA-
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OF A SUBSTANTIAL QUOTA BY THE U.S. TO SUPPLY SUGAR; AND THE POSSIBILI-
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ARE, ACCORDING TO THE KNOWLEDGEABLE, PREPARATIONS MIGHT VERY WELL BE
EVEN NOW UNDER WAY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SUCH A QUOTA.

IF THIS SHOULD TURN OUT SO, THE U.S. COULD NEVER BE ACCUSED OF
BREAKING FAITH WITH ANYONE; OR OF INTERPRETING THE U.S. SUGAR ACT
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO COME DOWN HEAVILY ON SMALL, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
WHO MIGHT NOT BE TOE-ING THE LINE OF HEMISPHERIC HEGEMONY IN THE WAY
CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE PENTAGON WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE. IN FACT
IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADMITTED, HOWEVER GRIEVOUSLY, FROM THE POINT OF
VIEW OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN AND OTHER SUGAR-PRODUCING COUNTRIES

THAT MIGHT SUSTAIN LOSS, THAT THE U.S. WAS ONLY BEING CONSISTENT, AND
THAT

THERE WAS NOTHING IN ITS BEHAVIOUR THAT WAS NOT ENTIRELY STRAIGHT-
FORWARD.

IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE CUBAN DEFECTION INTO THE COMMUNIST BLOC AT THE
VERY BEGINNING OF THE 1960'S THAT THE VERY CONSIDERABLE QUOTA WHICH
THAT COUNTRY HAD BEEN TRADITIONALLY ALLOCATED BY THE U.S., AND WAS
TAKEN AWAY AND DISTRIBUTED AMONG SUGAR-PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHICH NEVER

HAD AN ALLOCATION BEFORE, AMONG THESE THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN
GROUPING. IN MAKING THESE ALLOCATIONS TO THESE NEW SUPPLIERS OF THOSE

TIMES, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MADE ONE THING UNEQUIVOCALLY

CLEAR THIS WAS THAT THAT CUBA WOULD BE ENTITLED TO A QUOTA WHENEVER
SHE CAME BACK INTO THE WESTERN ORBIT; AND THAT, WHILE THIS MIGHT NOT
BE ALL OF THE AVERAGE 3 TO (THREE-AND-ONE-HALF) MILLION TONE ENJOYED
DURING THE PALMIER DAYS OF THE 1950'S, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE NOT LESS
THAN

ABOUT (ONE-AND-ONE-HALF) MILLION TONS, AND POSSIBLY A GOOD DEAL MORE.

AT THE TIME OF THE CUBAN DEFECTION, U.S. SUGAR CONSUMPTION VARIED
AROUND
9 MILLION TONS A YEAR. TODAY, THE FIGURE IS IN EXCESS OF 11 MILLION
TONS, AND RISING STEADILY. IT MIGHT SEEM THAT IF EACH OF THE NEW
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QUOTA SUPPLIERS SINCE 1961-62 IS KEPT AT THE FIGURE OF THAT TIME CUBA
COULD GET ITS (ONE-AND-ONE-HALF) MILLION TONS AND A HALF-MILLION
TONS WOULD BE LEFT BACK TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG THE MOST DESERVING AND
AND THE MOST RELIABLE TO THE NEW SUPPLIERS.
NOT SIMPLE THE PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IS NOT AS SIMPLE AS THAT.
IF OFF-SHORE SUGAR PRODUCERS TO THE U.S. HAVE BENEFITTED
FROM THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PREVIOUS CUBAN ALLOCATION,
U.S. DOMESTIC BEET SUGAR AND US DOMESTIC CANE SUGAR
HAVE BENEFITTED EVEN MORE. PRODUCTION OF BOTH OF
THESE VARIETIES, TOGETHER, HAS GROWN VERY NEARLY

AS MUCH AS CONSUMPTION HAS GROWN. WHAT HAS ENABLED
THE U.S. TO ENLARGE SOME OF ITS ALLOCATION TO SOME
OF ITS SUPPLIERS - AND THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN
CONSUMPTION HAS BEEN AMONG SUCH SUPPLIERS - IS THE
REDUCTION IN OUTPUT OF SUCH A LARGE SUPPLIER AS
PUERTO RICO WHICH AT ONE TIME HAS A QUOTA OF ABOUT
(ONE-AND-ONE-QUARTER) MILLION TONS, SUPPLIED UP TO
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800,000 TONS IN THE LATE FIFTIES AND NOW HAS DIMINISHED
TO JUST A FRACTION OF EVEN THIS SHRUNKEN DIMENSION.
THE THEORY AMONT THE KNWOLEDGEABLE IS THAT QUOTA
REDUCTIONS AMONG EXISTING SUPPLIERS OF THE U.S.
WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT WHEN CUBA
RETURNS TO THE FOLD, AND THAT THE CUT
PROPOSED FOR THE WEST INDIES MIGHT ONLY
BE A SORT OF FORESHADOWING OF THINGS TO COME
IN THE EVEN OF THE EXPECTED DENTE. THE
OUTLOOK IN THE CASE IF THIS REGIONAL
GROUPING IS THAT, HOWEVER HARD IT TRIES, IT
WILL NOT BE ABLE NEXT YEAR TO PRODUCE AS
MUCH AS THE 220,000 TONS TO WHICH IT WAS ENTITLED
IN THE CURRENT YEAR, AND THAT ITS MANIFEST FAILURE
TO COME IN LINEWITH COMMITMENT WILL BE CLEAR
EVIDENCE AGAINST ANY RETURN OF QUANTITY WHEN
THE HEARINGS BEGIN IN WASHINGTON NEXT FEBRUARY
FOR 1975/79 QUOTAS UNDER THE U.S.
SUGAR ACT. THE CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS BEGINNING
IN FEBRUARY NEXT WILL FIX THE QUANTITIES
OF SUGAR TO BE SUPPLIED DURING THE FIVE-
YEAR PERIOD JUST LINED OUT BY DOMESTIC AS
WELL AS OFFSHORE SUPPLIERS. SOME CIRCLES
THINK THAT THE USDA, UNDER PRESSURE FROM
DOMESTIC BEET AND CANE, WITH WHOM IT
COMES IN INITIMATE CONTACT, HAS BEEN
RESPONDING TO THE PRESSURES WHICH THESE
EXERT AND IS AT LEAST PROTECTING THEIR POSITION WHILE
PROVIDIONALLY MAKING ROOM FOR A POSSIBLE CUBAN QUOTA.
AS FOR THE CUBAN END OF THIS SPECULATION,
IT IS KNOWN THAT OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOUR, LIKE
EVERY OTHER COUNTRY TRADING WITH SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, WOULD WELCOME SALES TO A BUYER LIKE
THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO GET FOREIGN CURRENCY
WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT
ESPECIALLY FROM THE WESTERN POWERS. IT MIGHT BE
ARGUED THAT SOVIET RUSSIA WOULD LOOK DARKLY AT SUCH A
TRANSACTION, BUT THE COUNTER COULD BE THAT THE SOVIETS
ARE NOW THEMSELVES IN NEED OF THE SAME FOREIGN
EXCHANGE TO MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE GRAIN
PURCHASED DEAL FROM THE U.S., AND COULD HARDLY FROWN IF

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AN ASSOCIATE COUNTRY SUCH AS CUBA FOUND ACCESS
TO SUCH REVENUES ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT.

THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTED
SLASH IN THEIR SUPPLY QUOTAS TO THE U.S. ARE MOUNTING
A DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE TO SECURE THAT. EVEN
ALTHOUGH THEY ARE UNABLE TO SUPPLY MORE THAN ABOUT 60,000
TONS TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR, THEIR ORIGINAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS OF
220,000 TONS REMAINS INTACT.

AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF ALL THE SPECULATION AS TO WHAT HAS CAUSED
THE PROJECTED SLASH IN THE QUOTA, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW
THIS DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE TURNS OUT." UNQUOTE
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